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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pantaleone Paul MASCI et al.

Title: PLASMIN INHIBITORS FROM THE
AUSTRALIAN BROWN SNAKE
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This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action requiring restriction of the claims, mailed on October 2, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition for a one month extension of time, to extend the period for response to **December 2, 2003**.

REMARKS

I. Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the claims of the application into four groups as follows:

- Group I: claims 1-40 and 46, drawn to a single stage competitive inhibitor of plasmin and compositions thereof;
- Group II: claims 41-45, drawn to an isolated polynucleotide encoding a single stage competitive inhibitor of plasmin;
- Group III: claim 47, drawn to a method for alleviating blood loss comprising administering a single stage competitive inhibitor of plasmin; and
- Group IV: claim 48, drawn to an anti-tumor agent comprising a single stage competitive inhibitor of plasmin conjugated with an anti-fibrin antibody.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-40 and 46, drawn to a single stage competitive inhibitor of plasmin and compositions thereof, **with traverse**. Applicants